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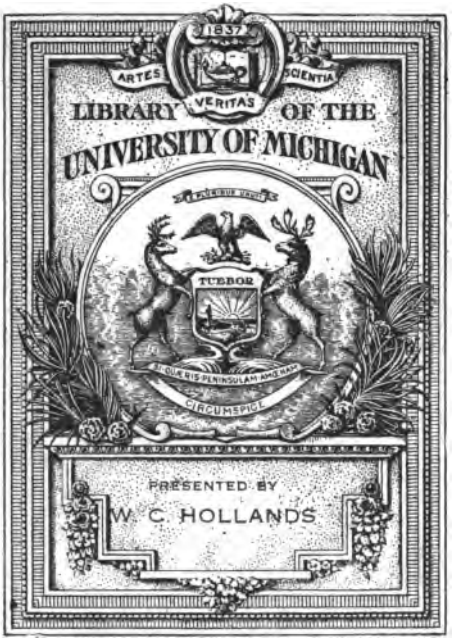
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OF THE

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OF

ROYAL and SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN

WITH AMENDMENTS UP TO AND INCLUDING JANUARY, 1904

ALSO

Edicts and Decisions, Landmarks, Ceremonies of Constitution of New Councils and Installation of Officers in Grand and Subordinate Councils, Blank Forms, &c.

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FOREWORD.

At the annual assembly of the Grand Council of Michigan, held January 20, 1903, the following resolution was persented by Companion Horace S. Maynard, and adopted.

Resolved: That a committee of three be appointed, of which committee Companion Jefferson S. Conover shall be the chairman, to compile the constitution, by-laws, rules, regulations and decisions of this Grand Council, have them properly indexed, printed and bound in a suitable and substantial book, one copy of which shall be delivered to each subordinate council in the Grand Jurisdiction.

Owing to the death of the chairman, and other reasons, the work was not completed that year, and it appearing that the work should embrace more than was provided for by the resolution, on the recommendation of Grand Master John H. Kingsley at the annual assembly of 1904, the committee was authorized to incorporate in the publication the ceremonies of instituting new councils; constituting, dedicating and installing officers of councils under dispensation; also ceremonies of installation of Grand Officers, together with blank forms to be used by the Grand Council and its subordinates.

The committee have completed its work and submit the same herewith with the hope that it will be of valuable assistance and meet with the hearty approval of the craft.

CHAS. A. CONOVER,
HORACE S. MAYNARD,
MAT D. BLOSSER,
Committee.

OFFICIAL JEWEL
OF A
PAST M. I. GRAND MASTER.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL and SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

WITH AMENDMENTS UP TO AND INCLUDING JANUARY, 1904

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

THE GRAND COUNCIL.

MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan shall consist of a

Most Illustrious Grand Master,
Deputy Grand Master,
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work,
Grand Treasurer,
Grand Recorder,
Grand Chaplain,
Grand Captain of the Guard,
Grand Conductor of the Council,
Grand Steward, and
Grand Sentinel.

To which may be added

Grand Marshal or Grand Master of Ceremonies

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And all

Past Thrice Illustrious Puissants,
Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters,
Past Thrice Illustrious Deputy Grand Puissants,
Past Deputy Grand Masters,
Past Grand Thrice Illustrious, and
Past Grand Principal Conductors of the Work

Together with the

Thrice Illustrious Masters,
Deputy Masters, and
Principal Conductors of the Work, for the time being, of the several subordinate Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council,

Or

Their Proxies duly empowered,

And

All Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Masters, and Past Thrice Illustrious Masters, who are members of subordinate Councils, who have presided one year over a Council in this state.

REPRESENTATION NECESSARY.

SEC. 2. There shall not be a Grand Council opened for business unless there shall be present a representation from at least two subordinate working Councils.

POWER OF GRAND COUNCIL.

(Amended January, 1896.)

SEC. 3. The Grand Council shall have sole government and superintendence of the several subordinate Councils in this state, shall assign their limits, and establish the fees for admission. In all cases of controversy, an appeal shall lie from an aggrieved Council, or any member of a Council, to this Grand Council. It shall also have power to grant charters constituting

new Councils of Royal and Select Masters within the State of Michigan.

MEETINGS.

(Amended, 1879.)

SEC. 4. The annual meetings of the Grand Council shall be held on the day preceding the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, in each and every year, at 7:30 p. m., at such place as shall be designated by the Grand Chapter; but a special assembly of the Grand Council may be called whenever the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor of Work shall deem it necessary.

DUTIES OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Principal Conductor of the Work, severally, to inform and perfect themselves in the Sublime Art and Work of Royal, Select and Super Excellent Masters; to make themselves acquainted with the Lectures and ancient charges; and to consult with each other for the purpose of adopting suitable measures for diffusing the knowledge of the Work and Lectures, and to secure uniformity in the several subordinate Councils under this jurisdiction.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

SEC. 6. The Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master shall have authority, during the recess of the Grand Council, to grant letters of dispensation, under their respective signatures and private seals, to a competent number of duly qualified petitioners, empowering them to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters for a specific term of time, not extending beyond the next meeting of the Grand Council; *Provided*, That the same fees as are required for a charter shall be first deposited in the hands

of the Grand Recorder. And in all cases where such dispensation is granted, the officer granting the same shall make report thereof at the next meeting of the Grand Council; and the Grand Council may continue or recall such dispensation, or may, upon application for the same, grant the petitioners a charter; and in case a charter be so granted, the fees first deposited with the Grand Recorder shall be credited in payment for the same; but if the dispensation is not continued, or charter granted, the money to be returned, except necessary expenses.

SEC. 7. No dispensation or charter shall be issued for instituting a Council of Royal Masters independent of Select Masters.

SEC. 8. No dispensation or charter for the institution of a New Council of Royal and Select Masters shall be granted, except upon the petition of nine Royal and Select Masters; which petition shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Council nearest to the place where the new Council is to be formed vouching for the moral character and Masonic ability of the petitioners, and recommending the Grand Council to grant the prayer of the same.

CHARTER FEE.

SEC. 9. No charter shall be granted for establishing a Council of Royal and Select Masters for a less sum than twenty-five ($25) dollars.

LIMIT OF NUMBER OF COUNCILS.

SEC. 10. There shall not be a greater number of Councils established in the state than there are Royal Arch Chapters, nor more than one Council within the jurisdiction of each Chapter.

ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE.

SEC. 11. No companion shall be eligible to an office

in this Grand Council higher than the highest corresponding office to which he shall have been regularly elected in some subordinate Council.

AMENDMENTS, ETC.

SEC. 12. This Grand Body, by vote of two-thirds of its members present, may amend this Constitution at any annual session without previous notice.

ARTICLE II.

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

SECTION. 1. A Council of Royal and Select Masters shall consist of a

Thrice Illustrious Master,
Deputy Master,
Principal Conductor of the Work,
Treasurer,
Recorder,
Captain of the Guard,
Conductor of the Council,
Steward and Sentinel, and
As many members as may be found convenient for working to advantage; and ought to assemble for work at least once in three months.

STANDING OF COUNCILS.

SEC. 2. No Council of Royal and Select Masters in this state shall be considered legal unless it has a charter from the Grand Council, or a dispensation from one of the Grand Officers; and Masonic communication either public or private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any council under this jurisdiction, or any member thereof, and any Council or assemblage that may be so illegally established without such char-

ter or dispensation, or any person admitted in such illegal Council, but nothing in this section shall be so construed as to affect any Council, or the members of any Council, which may be established by proper authority in other states.

APPLICATION FOR THE DEGREES.

SEC. 3. All applications for the degrees of Royal and Select Master, or membership in any subordinate Council under this jurisdiction, shall be by petition in writing to the nearest Council, from a member of a Royal Arch Chapter regularly constituted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and subordinate to the same, and also to the state Grand Chapter from which he hails, and shall lie over one lunar month after the same shall have been received and referred to a committee for inquiry, unless by a unanimous vote of the Companions present, in which case the application may be acted upon instanter, and an unanimous ballot shall be necessary in all cases.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 4. The officers of the several subordinate Councils shall be chosen annually by ballot. A majority of the whole number present shall be necessary to elect; and the persons so chosen shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected and installed; which election shall take place on the regular meeting next preceding the festival of St. John the Evangelist.

DUTIES OF THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER.

SEC. 5. The duties of Thrice Illustrious Master of every subordinate Council has it in special charge, as appertaining to his office, duty and dignity, to see that the By-Laws of his Council, as well as the Constitution of the Grand Council, and general regulations of Royal

and Select Masters, are duly observed and obeyed; that all the officers of his Council perform the duties of their respective stations, and are examples of diligence and industry to their Companions; that true and accurate records of the proceedings of his Council be kept by the Recorder; that the Treasurer render just and accurate accounts of all moneys belonging to the Council; and that the annual dues to the Grand Council be regularly and punctually paid. He has the special charge and care of the charter or dispensation of his Council; he has a right to call his Council, at pleasure, upon any emergency. It is likewise his duty, together with the Deputy Master and Principal Conductor of the Work, to attend the meetings of the Grand Council, either in person or proxy, when duly summoned by the Grand Recorder.

DEGREE FEE.

SEC. 6. No Council under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master for a less sum than five ($5) dollars.

DUES.

(Amended 1877. Proceedings, Page 19; Bound Volume, 464.)

SEC. 7. Each subordinate Council may provide By-Laws for the assessment of such dues, as well as the time of their payment, as they may think proper.

DUES TO GRAND COUNCIL.

(Amended 1898. Proceedings, Page 47.)

SEC. 8. Each subordinate Council shall pay to the Grand Council the following sums, to wit: For each Companion receiving the degrees of Royal and Select Master, $1; for each member annually, twenty-five cents, except the Recorder; *Provided*, That all members over seventy years of age shall be exempt from the payment of dues to their Councils, and the Councils shall

not be required to pay per capita dues to the Grand Council on members whom they shall exempt from the payment of dues by reason of being over seventy years of age.

The financial year shall terminate on the 27th day of December, and within ten days thereafter the Recorder shall transmit to the Grand Recorder the annual returns and dues for the year just closed, and in case of failure to do so, the representative shall forfeit his compensation in the Grand Council unless a reasonable excuse is given for such failure.

OFFICIAL SEAL

ADOPTED JANUARY 19, 1904.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL and SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

With Amendments to 1904.

I.

PRECEDENCE OF COUNCILS.

The several Councils in this state shall be numbered according to the date of their respective charters.

II.

RETURNS TO GRAND COUNCIL.

Each Council in this state shall make returns to the Grand Council, at its annual Assembly, of the names of its officers and members, and of all Companions received and acknowledged the preceding year.

III.

COMPENSATION OF GRAND RECORDER.

The Grand Recorder shall receive an annual compensation of.....for his services, and five dollars for each charter issued.

IV.

DUTY OF GRAND TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to receive all moneys, and at the stated meeting of the Grand

Council he shall exhibit an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements; and no moneys shall be paid out by him without the consent of the Grand Council and the written order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master or officer presiding.

V.

DUTY OF GRAND RECORDER.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to keep a record of the proceedings of the Grand Council.

VI.

DELINQUENT COUNCILS.

If any Council under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble and work for the space of twelve months, or shall fail to be represented at the stated meetings of the Grand Council for the term of two stated meetings in succession, or shall fail, for the same length of time, to discharge their dues, every such delinquent Council shall forfeit its charter, together with all its jewels, furniture, and effects of every kind, subject to the disposal of the Grand Council, and shall be notified thereof by the Grand Recorder.

VII.

DIMITS, ETC.

(Passed 1878. Proceedings, Page 18.)

Hereafter no charters or dispensations for new Councils will be granted unless the dimits of the petitioners accompany the petition for dispensation.

VIII.

AMENDMENTS, ETC.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended in the same manner as the Constitution only.

EDICTS AND DECISIONS.

DEPENDENT MEMBERSHIP.

(Passed January, 1887. Proceedings, Page 23.)

Whenever a Council shall have Masonic information that a Companion has been suspended in his Chapter, it shall be the duty of the Council to cause the like sentence to be entered in the Council; and a reinstatement in the Chapter shall be equivalent to a reinstatement in the Council.

No companion shall be suspended for non-payment of dues except upon charges and specifications duly filed in the Council and trial had thereon.

(Adopted 1901. Proceedings, Page 25.)

Voluntary non-affiliation in Lodge or Chapter for six months shall deprive a Super Excellent and Royal and Select Master of his membership in the Council, and subject him to the same disabilities as if suspended.

ASSEMBLIES IN OTHER TOWNS.

(Passed January, 1893. Proceedings, Page 34.)

Hereafter it shall be illegal and void for the M. I. G. M. to grant special dispensations permitting Councils to hold special assemblies at other places than where the Council is located.

ELECTION VOID AFTER ONE YEAR.

(Passed January, 1894. Proceedings, Page 41.)

When a Companion has been elected to receive the Council degrees and fails to present himself for the same within one year after receiving notice of such election, such election shall be null and void.

COLLECTIVE BALLOT.

(Adopted January 20, 1903.)

It is not necessary to pass the ballot box on each candidate at a regular election but it is allowable to ballot on all collectively provided it is announced that should any Companion object to so doing he may cast a black ball on the first ballot and the box will then be passed singly on each candidate.

(Decision by G. M. Hill, 1903.)

Hereafter only one candidate should be ballotted for at one and the same time *except under extraordinary circumstances.*

(Jurisprudence Committee, Proceedings 1903, Page 26.)

OFFICERS ABSENT.

A Past Thrice Illustrious Master cannot open a subordinate Council with none of the first three officers present.

(Decision G. M. Hill, 1903.)

MASTER MAY PRESIDE.

A Thrice Illustrious Master may preside over any meeting of his Council until his successor shall have been elected and installed.

(Decision G. M. Hill, 1903.)

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

GRAND COUNCIL

OF

ROYAL and SELECT MASTERS

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

MEMBERSHIP IN DEFUNCT COUNCILS.

(Passed January, 1900. Proceedings, Page 28.)

Be it resolved, That when any subordinate Council of this Grand Jurisdiction may have heretofore, or shall hereafter become defunct, any member in good standing in such defunct Council, shall be entitled, on application, to a certificate from the Grand Recorder certifying to that fact, which certificate shall confer upon the recipient the same standing, benefits, and obligations that would have been conferred upon him by a regular dimit;

Provided, That such applicant shall pay to the Grand Recorder all dues that he owes before receiving such certificate; The dues so received shall be turned into the Grand Treasury.

SUPER EXCELLENT DEGREE.

(Adopted January, 1900. Proceedings, Page 34.)

Whereas, It appears that in many of the Councils of the Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, enough of the Companions have not received the degree of Super Excellent Master to enable the Council to confer the degree according to the present ritual; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in any such Council any Thrice Illustrious Master, Deputy Master or Past Thrice Illustrious Master of this state may communicate the Super Excellent degree to a sufficient number of the Companions belonging to such Council to enable such Council to confer the degree of Super Excellent Master according to the present ritual; and in any Council where the

present Thrice Illustrious Master has not received the degree, the degree may be communicated to him by the officers above mentioned.

BOOKS OF GRAND RECORDER.

(Adopted 1901. Proceedings, Page 19.)

The Grand Recorder is hereby directed to close his books and cash accounts on the 7th day of January in each year, and report to this Grand Council, as delinquent, every Council whose returns and dues are not in his hands by that date.

COMPENSATION OF REPRESENTATIVES.

(Passed January, 1902. Proceedings, Page 27.)

Resolved, That each officer of this Grand Council, each Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, each member of standing committees and one representative of each subordinate Council shall be entitled to the sum of three dollars for attendance at an annual assembly of the Grand Council;

Provided, That each and every officer, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, member of standing committee and representative of subordinate Council who shall be present and answer to roll call at every session of an annual assembly of the Grand Council shall be entitled to the sum of five dollars.

THE ACT OF INCORPORATION

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN.

SECTION 1. *The people of the State of Michigan enact*, That the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, by that name and style, is hereby incorporated and declared a body politic and corporate in deed and law, capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, answering and being answered, defending and being defended, in all courts and places whatsoever, in all manner of action, suits, complaints, matters and causes whatsoever, and shall have a common seal which it may change at pleasure.

SEC. 2. The officers of said corporation shall be the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Recorder for the time being, and they shall constitute the board of directors of said corporation for the transaction of all business authorized by this act.

SEC. 3. Said corporation, under the direction of the Grand Council when assembled, may make and establish all necessary by-laws and rules for its governance and the governance of subordinate Councils under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council, relating to the business and property authorized to be done, held and conveyed by this act; and said corporation may take, hold and convey, as may be required from time to time, any real and personal estate for the purpose of its or their organizations, not exceeding in value in the aggregate the sum of fifty thousand dollars; and all real and personal estate so held may be conveyed by deed or bill of sale in the name of said corporation, executed by the Grand Master for the time being, or by such other person as the board of directors may appoint for that purpose, under the seal of the Grand Council, and such conveyance so executed shall be valid and binding for all intents and purposes whatsoever; *Provided*, That the property of said association shall be subjected to taxation for all purposes.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 26, 1895.

CONSTITUTIONAL RULES

FOUNDED ON THE

Ancient Landmarks and Usages

OF

CRYPTIC MASONRY.

"Orom Mackey's Cryptic Masonry"

1. When the Most Puissant is absent from the Grand Council, the chair shall be taken by the Deputy Grand Master. If both are absent, the Grand Principal Conductor of the Works must take the chair. If all these officers are absent, the Senior Past Grand Officer, not less in dignity than a Past Grand Principal Conductor of the Works, must preside. If no such Past Grand Officer be present, the duty of presiding will devolve on the Thrice Illustrious of the oldest Council present.

2. When the Thrice Illustrious of a subordinate Council is absent, his duties must be performed by the Illustrious H. of T.; if both be absent, by the Principal Conductor of the Works. If he likewise be absent, the chair must be taken by a Past Thrice Illustrious of the Council. But if no such officer be present, the Council cannot be opened. The Warrant of Constitution is granted to the Thrice Illustrious Grand Master, the Illustrious Hiram of Tyre, and the Principal Conductor of the Works, and to their successors in office, and to none else; and none else can lawfully act.

3. No officer of a Grand or subordinate Council can be recognized as such, until he has been installed.

4. Every officer holds on to his office until his successor has been installed.

5. No officer can resign his office after he has been installed. Nor can any election be held, except at the constitutional convocation for that purpose, unless by dispensation.

6. No Council can, at an extra convocation, alter or expunge the proceedings of a regular one.

7. No Council can interfere in the business of another Council, or give the degrees to candidates who have been accepted by other Councils, without their consent.

8. The degrees of Royal and Select Master, when conferred in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, are illegal and irregular, and no Council can recognize persons who have so received the degrees. Nor can any Royal or Select Master sit in a Chapter while these degrees are being thus irregularly conferred.

9. The degrees of Royal and Select Master can only be conferred on worthy Royal Arch Masons.

10. No candidate can receive the Council degrees who is deformed, maimed, or imperfect in his limbs.

11. No candidate can be elected to receive the degrees, nor Select Master affiliated in any Council, without the unanimous consent of all the members present.

12. All ballotings for candidates and trials of Companions must take place in the Select Master's degree. But a Royal Master may be tried in the Royal Master's degree, yet the final vote shall be taken in a Council of Select Masters.

13. None but Select Masters can be permitted to make any motion, vote, or join in any debate.

14. Every subordinate Council, as well as every member of the same, has the right of appeal to the Grand Council, whose decision shall be final.

15. Every Council must meet at least once in every three months, and no Council can suspend its convocations unless by dispensation from the Grand Council or presiding Grand Officer.

16. No Council of Royal Masters can be opened unless there be five Royal Masters present.

17. No Council of Select Masters can be opened unless there be nine Select Masters present.

18. In conferring the Select degree, not more than twenty-seven Select Masters should be present. If there be more, they are to be constructively considered as absent, and must take no part in the work.

19. Although the use of the vails of a Chapter in working the Select degree is usual and convenient, it should be discountenanced as irregular, and destructive of the symbolism of the

degree. No Select Council should work with less than the required number of nine arches.

20. No Council can be opened or holden except by the authority of a warrant of Constitution granted by a Grand Council or a dispensation issued by a Most Puissant Grand Master.

21. No Council in one state, where there is a Grand Council, can work under a warrant granted by the Grand Council of another state.

22. No warrant or dispensation for the opening of a new Council can be granted except upon the petition of nine Select Masters.

23. The election of officers in a subordinate Council must be holden at the stated convocation, which is at the meeting next preceding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, and the installation must take place as soon after the election as possible. Where, from any cause, the election has not been holden at the stated period, a dispensation from the Most Puissant will be required for holding it at any subsequent period.

24. No Council can suspend its By-Laws.

25. There can be no appeal from the decision of the presiding officer of a council to the Council. The Grand Council can alone reverse such decision.

26. It is requisite that at least three subordinate Councils should unite to form and constitute a Grand Council in any state or territory. And when a Grand Council has been so formed, it becomes the supreme authority as to Cryptic Masonry in that state or territory.

27. All documents relating to Cryptic Masonry must be dated from the last year of the building of King Solomon's Temple, at which time the Royal and Select degrees are supposed by their legend to have been instituted. The temple was completed in the year of the world 3000, or 1000 years before the birth of Christ, and the number 1000 must therefore be added to the current year to obtain the true date. In reference to that sacred deposit, which it was the object of the Select Degree to preserve, this date is characterized as *Anno Depositionis*, or *in the Year of the Deposit.* Thus the year of the common era, 1870, should, in a document of Cryptic Masonry, be designated as Anno Depositionis, or in the Year of the Deposit, 2870.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

OF

Grand Council Royal & Select Masters

OF

MICHIGAN.

The Grand Master-elect is usually installed by the retiring Grand Master. The other officers may then be installed by the newly installed Grand Master or by the retiring Grand Master; or all of the Grand Officers-elect may be installed by some Past Grand Master selected for that purpose.

The retiring Grand Master, after appointing two Companions to act as Grand Marshal and Grand Chaplain, says:

Companions of the Grand Council, we are about to install the officers-elect of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan. Brother Grand Recorder, read the names of the officers-elect.

The Grand Recorder then reads the list of officers, and the retiring Grand Master says:

Illustrious Grand Marshal.

G. MAR.—Most Illustrious Grand Master.

G. M.—Direct the retiring Grand Officers to deliver up their insignia of office.

G. MAR.—The retiring officers of this Grand Council will deliver up their aprons and jewels in the East.

The retiring Grand Officers then arise; the Grand Marshal proceeds around the room collecting the several retiring officers in the usual order, who, with their jewels and aprons, proceed around the room to the East, where their jewels and aprons are deposited on the platform in order. Under the direction of the Grand Marshal, the officers-elect then proceed once more around the room to the South, where they turn to the North and form a line in front of the altar, and six or eight feet away from it.

During this time, the installing officer, if a different person from the retiring Grand Master, assumes the East.

G. MAR.—Most Illustrious Grand Master, I present, to be installed as officers of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan for the ensuing year, the following Companions, who have all been duly elected to the respective offices: Companion ————, to be Grand Master; Companion ————, to be Deputy Grand Master; (and so forth through the list.)

The installing officer then says:

Companions of the Grand Council, you here behold these Companions, each of whom having been duly elected, now declares himself ready for installation. If any of you know of any reason why he should not be installed, state your objection now, or else forever after hold your peace. (Pause.) There being no objection, I shall now proceed to the installation.

Companions, the first lesson that we are taught in Masonry is that no man should ever presume to enter upon any great and important undertaking without first invoking the blessing of Diety. Let us, therefore, before proceeding further with this important ceremony, first invoke the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

The installing officer then calls up the Grand Council and the Grand Chaplain delivers the following or some other appropriate

PRAYER.

O Thou most Holy and Omnipotent Lord God of heaven and earth! We do most humbly beseech Thee to smile upon and bless this Grand Council now assembled. Sanctify unto each one of us now present the transactions of this hour. Make us humble and thankful recipients of all the bounties Thou art continu-

ally bestowing upon us, and move our hearts with impulses of tenderness and charity toward all men, and especially toward those who have wrought with us their regular hours in the secret vault. Bestow upon us, we beseech Thee, a portion of Thine infinite wisdom, and especially upon him who has been selected to preside over this Grand Council. Take from him all pride of heart, stubbornness of will, and self-sufficiency of understanding, and all vanity, ostentation and arrogance, if any such he have; and give him in their stead a meekness and lowliness of heart, and a kindness and gentleness of disposition, that shall cause him to rule and govern his Companions with love and affection, and in Thy fear.

And we pray Thee, O Lord God, that, when our labors here are ended, and the hour of everlasting rest has arrived, we may be received into the Grand Council above, and hear the thrilling welcome: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, into the mansions prepared for you from the beginning of the world." Amen.

Response by the Companions: So mote it be.

The Grand Marshal will then introduce the Grand Master elect to the installing officer saying:

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER: I present to you Companion ————, who, having been duly elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of the State of Michigan for the ensuing Masonic year, now declares himself ready for installation.

The installing officer, addressing the Grand Master-elect then says:

Most Illustrious Companion, advance to the altar, kneel upon both knees and repeat after me this obligation:

I, ——— ———, do solemnly promise that I will ac-

cept the office and serve as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, for the term for which I have been elected, and will perform all the duties appertaining to that office to the best of my ability, and that I will support and maintain the Constitution, Laws, Edicts, Ritual and Ceremonies of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, and the ancient landmarks of Cryptic Masonry.

The installing officer will then deliver the following

CHARGE.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS: By the voice of your Companions you have been chosen to occupy the most honorable office in their power to bestow, and to me has been entrusted the pleasing duty of investing you with its insignia.

The installing officer will then cause the Grand Master to be invested with the insignia of his office, after which he will continue as follows:

I do not doubt that you will watch with fidelity and judgment the conduct of the subordinate bodies within your jurisdiction; and while tempering justice with mercy will require from every member due obedience to the rules and regulations of our institution. May He, without whose approbation all our labors are in vain, give strength to your endeavors and support to your exertions.

You will now be conducted to your station in the East.

The other officers, elected and appointed, are then presented at the altar in a body to the installing officer, who administers to them the following

OBLIGATION.

I, (each speaking his name,) do solemnly promise

that I will faithfully perform all the duties of the office to which I have been chosen, to the best of my ability, and that I will support and maintain the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan.

Each officer as soon as he is installed will be conducted to his appropriate station in the Grand Council by the Grand Master.

CHARGE TO THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: The important station to which you have been elected requires from you exemplary conduct, and its duties demand your most assiduous attention. In the absence of the Most Illustrious Grand Master you are to preside; in his presence you are to strengthen and support his authority by your counsel and advice. I now invest you with the jewel of your office.

Let the bright example of the illustrious monarch of Tyre, who, by his power and wealth, gave strength to the labors of King Solomon, stimulate you to the faithful discharge of your duties; and when the King of kings shall summon you to his immediate presence, from His hands may you receive a crown of glory that shall never fade.

CHARGE OF THE GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK.

RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: The office to which you have been elected is one of great importance. In the absence of your superior officers it is your prerogative to succeed them, and to perform their duties; you will, therefore, perceive the necessity there is of your possessing such qualifications as will enable you to accomplish those duties which are incumbent upon you in your appropriate station, as well as those which

may occasionally devolve upon you by the absence of your superiors.

I now invest you with the jewel of your office.

Remember the example of that illustrious artist at Jerusalem, who was ever ready, as a mediator, to cause justice to be tempered with mercy, and to preserve peace and order among the craft. Let it remind you that the harmony and unanimity of the Order should be your constant aim; and as the glorious sun at its meridian height dispels the mists and clouds which obscure the horizon, so may your exertions tend to dissipate the clouds of jealousy and discord whensoever they may appear.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND TREASURER.

RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: You have been elected to the responsible office of Grand Treasurer, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office.

It is your duty to receive all moneys from the hands of the Grand Recorder, make due entries of the same, and pay them out by order of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, with the consent and approbation of the Grand Council. The office to which you have been elected embraces an important trust, and the choice of you by your Companions is an evidence of the high opinion they entertain of your fidelity and discretion.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND RECORDER.

RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: You have been elected to the important office of Grand Recorder, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office.

It is your duty to receive all moneys due the Grand Council and pay them over to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same; to observe the proceedings of the Grand Council, and to make a true record of

all things proper to be written. You are also the official organ of the Grand Council, and in that capacity will conduct its various correspondence, and act as the medium of intercourse between the fraternity and their presiding officer. In the discharge of these extensive duties, let your carriage and behavior be marked with that promptitude and discretion that will at once reflect credit on yourself and honor on the body whom you represent.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: The position of Grand Chaplain has been intrusted to your care, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office.

In the discharge of your duties you will be required to lead the devotional exercises of our annual assemblies, and to perform the sacred functions of your holy calling at our public ceremonies. I do not doubt that you will discharge the duties of your present appointment with steadfastness and perseverance in well-doing.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND LECTURER.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: You have been elected Grand Lecturer of this Grand Council, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office. It is your duty to instruct the Companions in the due performance of their duty; to communicate light and information to the uninformed and preserve our ritual and traditions in their memories. It is to be presumed that one whom his Companions have thought capable of discharging so important and difficult a trust, will require no prompting for the proper performance of his duty.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: You have been chosen Grand Captain of the Guard, and I invest you with the

jewel of your office. Guard well your post, and suffer none to pass it but the select, the faithful and the worthy. Be ever attentive to the commands of your chief and prompt to see them duly executed. I present you with this sword as the appropriate implement of your office.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: You have been chosen Grand Conductor of the Council, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office.

Be fervent and zealous in the discharge of your duties; let justice and mercy mark your conduct, and predominate in your character through life.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND STEWARD.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: You have been chosen Grand Steward of the Grand Council, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office.

In the discharge of your duties, your station is near the door, where you will receive all reports from the Grand Sentinel, and announce the name and Masonic rank of all who desire admission. You will see that none enter except such as are duly qualified.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND SENTINEL.

COMPANION: You have been chosen Grand Sentinel, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office, and place this sword in your hands, the more effectually to enable you to repel the approach of intruders, and to guard against surprise.

It is your duty to guard the door of the Grand Council, on the outside; to report to the Grand Steward those who desire to be admitted; to place the Council chamber in order for assemblies, and to attend to such other duties as may be required of you by the Grand

Council. Your early and punctual attendance is essentially necessary.

CHARGE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

COMPANIONS: From the nature of the constitution of every society, some must of necessity rule and others obey. And while justice and moderation are required of the officers in the discharge of their official duties, subordination and respect for their rulers are equally demanded of the members. The relation is reciprocal; the interests of both are inseparable, and without mutual co-operation the labors of neither can succeed. A house divided against itself cannot stand. Let, therefore, brotherly love prevail among you; let each be emulous of the others in all good works, and in no other way. Let the avenues of your passions be strictly guarded; let no curious intruder find his way into the secret recesses of your retirement, to disturb the harmony which should ever prevail among the select and chosen. In so doing you will secure the prosperity of this Grand Council, the respect of your Companions, the commendation of your own consciences, and, finally, the approval of your Supreme Grand Master and a Crown of Life.

The installing officer than says:

Illustrious Grand Marshal, make the proclamation.

The Grand Marshal then proceeds to the East and proclaims:

PROCLAMATION.

As directed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, I do hereby proclaim, the officers of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan duly and regularly installed in Ample Form, with the private Grand Honors of Free and Accepted Masons.

CEREMONIAL

FOR

INSTITUTING A COUNCIL

UNDER DISPENSATION.

The time having arrived for the ceremony, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, or his duly appointed Deputy, (who must be a Past or Present Thrice Illustrious Master) assumes the chair, and fills the stations with proper officers, opens the Council in the degree of Select Master, and reads the letter of dispensation.

He then causes the three principal officers named in the dispensation to assume their stations, and delivers to them and the other officers appropriate charges and instructions. The subordinate officers U. D. are appointed by the Thrice Illustrious Master. Officers of Councils U. D. are not installed.

The following is the form to be used when officers of a Council U. D. are assigned to their stations.

CHARGE TO THE THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER.

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER: The superintendence and government of the Companions who are to compose this Council while under dispensation having been committed to your care, you cannot be insensible of the obligations which devolve on you as their head; nor of your responsibility for the faithful discharge of the important duties appertaining to your appointment. Conduct the affairs of the Council wisely and well, so that the Grand Council may approve your work, and perpetuate your organization by granting you a charter in due time.

THE DEPUTY MASTER.

COMPANION ————: You have been appointed Deputy Master of this Council while under dispensation, and will now assume the duties of your station. It

will be your duty to aid and support your chief in all the requirements of his office. In his absence you are to preside and perform his duties.

THE PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK.

COMPANION ———: You have been appointed Principal Conductor of the Work of this Council while under dispensation and will now assume the duties of your station. In the absence of both of your superior officers, it will be your duty to preside over the Council.

THE TREASURER.

COMPANION ———, having been appointed Treasurer of this Council, you will now enter upon the discharge of your duties. These you will perform with fidelity and care, thus proving your devotion to our Order.

THE RECORDER.

COMPANION ———: You have been appointed Recorder of this Council, and are now assigned to your office. Your duties are important, requiring promptness, accuracy and fidelity. Let your record and your conduct command the approval and merit the confidence of your Companions.

THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.

COMPANION ———: You have been appointed Captain of the Guard, and will now assume the duties of your station. Guard well your post, and suffer none to pass it but the select, the worthy and faithful. Be ever attentive to the commands of your chief, and prompt to see them duly executed.

THE CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL.

COMPANION ———: You have been appointed Conductor of the Council, and will now assume the duties of your station. Be fervent and zealous in the discharge

of your duties; let justice and mercy mark your conduct, and predominate in your character through life.

THE STEWARD.

COMPANION, ———: You have been appointed Steward of this Council, and will now assume the duties of your station. You will see that none enter except such as are duly qualified.

THE SENTINEL.

COMPANION ———: You have been appointed Sentinel of this Council, and will now assume the duties of your station. Be attentive, vigilant and faithful.

The presiding officer may conclude with such personal instructions and advice as he deems proper, and then he proclaims the Council duly instituted and regularly at work, as follows:

In the name and by the authority of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, I declare this Council duly instituted under Dispensation, and regularly at work, with the officers in their proper stations.

Handing the Thrice Illustrious Master the Dispensation and the gavel, he takes his seat beside the Master, and the Council proceeds with its regular business.

CEREMONIAL

FOR

Constituting and Dedicating

A NEW COUNCIL.

The new Council will assemble in their hall, and be opened on the Select Masters degree.

The Grand Council will meet and open in an adjoining room.

A committee from the new Council will inform the Grand Marshal that the new Council is prepared to receive the Grand Council. The Grand Marshal will announce the same to the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

The committee will then conduct the Grand Council to the hall of the new Council, where they will be received with the usual honors, an ode being sung, or an appropriate piece of music performed while the Grand Council is entering.

The officers of the new Council will resign their seats to the Grand Officers, their jewels having previously been deposited near the Most Illustrious Grand Master, and covered.

An ode may be sung, or an appropriate piece of music be performed; after which the Grand Chaplain will repeat the following, or some other suitable form of

PRAYER.

Most glorious Lord God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last, which was, and which is, and which was to come, the Almighty; who shall not fear Thee, and glorify Thy name? We would raise a memorial of Thine abundant kindness, and tell out Thy works with gladness.

We acknowledge that Thou hast hitherto wonderfully helped us, and that all Thy doings toward us have been faithfulness and truth. Thou hast done more for

us than we have either desired or deserved, and far more than we are able to express. But though Thou art exalted high above all blessings and praise, yet we beseech Thee to accept our thanks, such as they are, and help us in future to give unto Thee more of the glory which is due unto Thy name. And now we implore Thee to let Thy blessing be with us, and prosper the purposes of our present assembly.

Let this Council be established to Thy honor and glory. May its officers be endowed with wisdom to discern and fidelity to pursue its true interests. May its members ever be mindful of the duty they owe to their God, the obedience they owe to their superiors, and the love they owe to all mankind. May they honor Thee by uprightness and fidelity in all their ways, so that whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, they may think of these things, and have strength to perform them, and thus to secure for themselves an inheritance of bliss in Thy everlasting kingdom.

Glory be to God on High. Amen.

Response.—As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

The Grand Marshal will direct the new Council to form in front of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, and address him as follows:

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER: A constitutional number of Companions, duly instructed in the sublime mysteries, having received from the Grand Council a charter, authorizing them to open and hold a regular Council of Royal and Select Masters in this place, are now assembled for the purpose of having the

same legally constituted and solemnly dedicated in Ample Form.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master directs the Grand Recorder to read the charter. After the reading of the charter, the Most Illustrious Grand Master will then address the Companions forming the new Council, as follows:

COMPANIONS: Do you accept the charter which has just been read by the Grand Recorder, and do you promise to perform all the requirements therein contained, conforming in all your Masonic working to the Constitution, By-Laws and General Regulations of the Grand Council of the State of Michigan?

COMPANIONS: Do you still approve of the officers named in the charter?

The answers being in the affirmative, the Most Illustrious Grand Master will proceed as follows:

By virtue of the high power in me vested as Most Illustrious Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, I do now form and constitute you, my worthy Companions, into a regular Council of Royal and Select Masters, by the name of ——— Council Number ———; and I hereby authorize and empower you and your successors to open and hold said Council, and to do and perform all such things as may appertain thereto, conforming in all things to the Constitution, By-Laws and General Regulations of the Grand Council of the State of Michigan. And may the God of our Fathers be with you, to guide and direct you in all your doings.

An ode or hymn may then be sung, or a suitable piece of music performed, during which the Grand Marshal will uncover the jewels.

The following dedicatory declaration will be pronounced by the Grand Master:

To our Ancient and Most Illustrious Grand Master, Solomon, King of Israel, we solemnly dedicate this

Council. May the blessings of Almighty God rest upon all its members, and may He so direct their labors that His name may be magnified now and ever.

Glory be to God on high. Amen.

Response.—As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

The following Proclamation will be made by the Grand Marshal:

I am directed by the Most Illustrious Grand Master to proclaim, and I do hereby proclaim this Council, by the name of ——— Council Number ——— constituted and dedicated in due and ancient form. All interested will be governed accordingly.

Should it be deemed desirable, another suitable piece of music may be now performed.

The officers of the new Council will then be installed by the Grand Master, in the manner provided by the following Ritual for Installation, after which the Grand Council will retire and be closed.

CEREMONIAL

FOR THE

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

OF A

SUBORDINATE COUNCIL.

Officers of subordinate Councils may be installed by any present or Past Grand Officer, or by any present or Past Master of a Council in good standing in any regularly constituted Council of Royal and Select Masters.

The Council being duly opened in the degree of Select Master, the installing officer will direct the Recorder to read a list of the names of the officers presenting themselves for installation.

After which he will say:

Companions of ——— Council No. ——— do you remain satisfied with the choice you have made in the selection of your officers for the ensuing Masonic year?

The answer being in the affirmative, the officers-elect will be seated.

The Thrice Illustrious Master (or installing officer) will appoint some suitable Companions to act as Marshal and Chaplain. The Marshal will then present the Thrice Illustrious Master-elect to the installing officer, saying:

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS: I here present for installation, Companion ———, who has been duly elected to serve this Council as Thrice Illustrious Master for the ensuing year.

The installing officer than addresses him as follows:

COMPANION ———: I feel much satisfaction in installing you into the office of Thrice Illustrious Master of this Council. It is a station highly honorable to all those who diligently perform the important duties con-

nected therewith. But before investing you with the appropriate insignia of your office, I shall propose certain questions, to which I must require your unequivocal answers:

1. Do you solemnly promise that you will use your utmost endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals and promote the happiness of your Companions?

2. That you will never suffer your Council to be opened unless there be present nine Select Masters?

3. That you will not suffer any person to pass the Circle of Perfection in your Council in whose integrity, fervency and zeal you have not entire confidence?

4. That you will not acknowledge or hold intercourse with any Council that does not work under some regular and constitutional authority?

5. That you will admit no visitor into your Council who has not been regularly and lawfully invested with the Council degrees?

6. That you will faithfully observe the By-Laws of your Council, and the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Council?

7. That in the government of your Council you will administer justice tempered with mercy?

8. That you will pay due respect and obedience to the Grand Officers when duly installed, and sustain them in the discharge of their duties?

Do you submit all these requirements, and do you promise to observe them faithfully?

Thrice Illustrious Master-elect answers in the affirmative.

The Chaplain will lead us in prayer.

The Marshall will then conduct the Thrice Illustrious Master to the altar for the Official Obligation, previous to taking which the Chaplain will offer the following

PRAYER.

O Eternal God, creator and preserver of all mankind, giver of every good and perfect gift, we thy humble servants approach Thee with reverence and implore Thy blessing upon the Companion elected to preside over this Council, and now prostrate before Thee. Fill his heart with Thy love and fear, that his words and actions may proclaim Thy glory. Make him steadfast in Thy service; animate his heart, and strengthen his endeavors, that he may teach Thy judgments and laws; and grant him, we beseech Thee, that sure trust and confidence in Thee which will enable him to live according to Thy will, impartially administering justice, and faithfully maintaining true religion and virtue in the Council over which he presides. Bless him, O Lord, and bless the work of his hands. Hear thou in heaven, Thy dwelling-place and forgive our transgressions.

Glory be to God on high. Amen.

Response—So mote it be.

The Installing officer then says:

With entire confidence in the rectitude of your intentions, and in the integrity of your character as a Select Master, I now invest you with the appropriate insignia of your office.

I now present you with the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses, together with the Trowel.

The Holy Bible, that great light in every degree of Freemasonry, is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; it will strengthen our faith, inspire our hope, and lead us to noble deeds of charity to all mankind.

The Square and Compasses teach us to practice the precepts of the moral law, and to bring our passions and prejudices in subjection to the will of our Heavenly Father.

The Trowel teaches us to cultivate those social virtues which will cement us into one sacred society of Companions and Brothers.

I also commit to your charge the charter, by the authority of which this Council is held; you are carefully to preserve and duly transmit it to your successor in office.

I present you with the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Council, and also the By-Laws of your Council. You will cause them to be frequently read and punctually obeyed.

Lastly, I place in your hands this gavel, the emblem of authority, one knock of which will always command attention.

Having been honored with the free suffrages of your Companions, and elevated to the highest office within their gift, it becomes your duty to set them an example of diligence, industry and fidelity; to see that the officers associated with you faithfully perform their respective duties, and that the interests and reputation of your Council are not endangered by imprudence or neglect. The important trust committed to your charge will call forth your best exertions, and the exercise of your best faculties.

As the representative of the wise King of Israel, it will be your duty to recite the sacred traditions, and illustrate the moral principals of the Order, to cherish the worthy and to hold in due veneration the Ancient Landmarks.

By a frequent recurrence to the By-Laws of your Council, and the General Regulations and Constitution of the Grand Council, you will be enabled to fulfill the important obligations resting upon you, with honor to yourself and credit to the Craft. And may He, with-

out whose approving smiles our labors are all in vain, give strength to your endeavors and support to your exertions.

The Marshal then conducts the Thrice Illustrious Master to his station, and the installing officer addresses the Companions of the Council as follows:

COMPANIONS OF ——COUNCIL: Behold your Thrice Illustrious Master, and salute him with the Grand Honors of a Royal and Select Master.

The remaing officers are then presented in a body by the Marshal and the installing officer administers the following obligation:

I, (each speaking his name) do solemnly promise that I will faithfully perform all the duties of the office to which I have been chosen to the best of my ability.

Each officer, as soon as he has been installed, will be conducted to his appropriate station in the Council by the Grand Marshal.

CHARGE TO DEPUTY MASTER.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: You have been elected to the second office in this Council, and you are now invested with the appropriate badge of your office.

The duties of the important office to which your Companions have elevated you will require your constant and earnest attention. You are to occupy the second seat in the Council; and it will be your duty to aid and support your chief in all the requirements of his office. In his absence you are to preside and perform his duties.

Although the representative of a king, and therefore elevated in rank above your Companions, you should never forget that in all the duties which you owe to God, your neighbor and yourself, you and they stand upon the same level of equality. Let the bright example of

your illustrious predecessor in the Grand Council at Jerusalem stimulate you to the faithful performance of every duty; and when the King of kings shall summon you into his immediate presence, from his hand may you receive a crown of glory which shall never fade.

CHARGE TO THE PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION: As the third officer of this Council, you are invested with the appropriate badge of your office.

It is your duty to sound the silver trumpet at early dawn and eve of day, when the sun's first and last rays gild the mountain tops, to announce high twelve, and proclaim the time of labor and of rest.

In the absence of both your superior officers you will be called upon to preside; and as the interests of the Council should never be permitted to suffer through a want of intelligence in its officers, you will allow me to urge upon you the necessity of being always prepared and qualified to meet such an emergency.

Having been admitted to the fellowship of kings, you will be appropriately reminded that the office of Mediator is one of great responsibility as well as honor. Let it therefore be your constant care to preserve harmony and unanimity of sentiment among the members of your Council. Discountenance whatever may tend to create division and dissension among the Companions; and as the glorious sun, when at its meridian height, dispels the mists and clouds that obscure the horizon, so may your exertions tend to dissipate the mists of jealousy and discord, should they ever unfortunately arise in your Council.

CHARGE TO THE TREASURER.

COMPANION: You have been elected Treasurer of this Council, and I with pleasure invest you with the

badge of your office. Your interest in this Council, your attachment to the Craft, and your known integrity of character, are a sufficient guaranty that the duties of your office will be faithfully performed.

CHARGE TO THE RECORDER.

COMPANION: You have been elected Recorder of this Council, and I with pleasure invest you with the badge of your office. The possession of the requisite qualities has designated you as a suitable Companion for this office; and I do not doubt that you will discharge its duties with fidelity and diligence. And when you shall have completed the record of your transactions here below, and finished the term of your probation may you be admitted into the Grand Council above, and find your name recorded in the book of life eternal.

CHARGE TO THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.

COMPANION: Having been chosen Captain of the Guard, I present you with the badge and appropriate implement of your office. Guard well your post, and suffer none to pass it but the select, the worthy and the faithful. Be ever attentive to the commands of your chief, and prompt to see them duly executed.

CHARGE TO THE CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL.

COMPANION: You have been chosen Conductor of the Council, and I invest you with the badge of your office. Be fervent and zealous in the discharge of your duties; let justice and mercy mark your conduct, and predominate in your character through life.

CHARGE TO THE STEWARD.

COMPANION: You have been chosen Steward of this Council, and I invest you with the badge of your office. In the discharge of your duties, your station is near the door, where you will receive all reports from

the Sentinel, and announce the name and Masonic rank of all who desire admission. You will see that none enter except such as are duly qualified.

CHARGE TO THE SENTINEL.

COMPANION: You are chosen Sentinel of this Council, and are invested with the badge and this implement of your office. As the sword is placed in the hands of the Sentinel to enable him to guard the sanctuary and entrance to the secret passage with sleepless vigilance against intruders, so it should morally serve as a constant admonition to us to set a guard at the entrance to our thoughts, to place a watch at the door of our lips, to post a sentinel at the avenue of our actions; thereby excluding every unworthy thought, word and deed; and enabling us to preserve consciences void of offense towards God and man.

CHARGE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

COMPANIONS: From the nature of the constitution of every society some must rule and others obey. And while justice and moderation are required of the officers in the discharge of their official duties, subordination and respect for their rulers are equally demanded of the members. The relation is reciprocal. The interests of both are inseparable; and, without mutual co-operation, the labors of neither can succeed. A house divided against itself cannot stand. Let, therefore, brotherly love prevail among you; let each be emulous of the others in all good works, in promoting peace and unity, and in striving to see who can best rule and best obey. Let the avenues to your passions be strictly guarded; let no curious intruder find his way into the secret recesses of your retirement, to disturb the harmony which should ever prevail among the select and chosen.

The Marshal will then make the following:

PROCLAMATION.

In the name of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, I hereby proclaim the officers of ——— Council No. ——— to be duly installed.

The Chaplain will conclude the installation ceremonies by delivering the following or some suitable form of

PRAYER.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, by whose kind providence we have been permitted to assemble together this evening in this place consecrated to the purposes of Freemasonry, we praise Thee for Thy goodness, and implore the continuance of Thy fatherly protection. Most humbly do we beseech Thee to be gracious to this Council. Pour out upon it the continual dew of Thy blessing, that it may always be kept in unity of spirit, and in the bond of peace.

May its officers and members follow the examples of that noble body of Masons, who have gone before them, in all virtue and godly living, that so, like them, when the work and discipline of life are ended, they may come to those unspeakable glories which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee.

And now unto Thee, who are able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of Thy glory, with exceeding joy, even unto Thee, the only wise God, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, henceforth and forever.

Glory be to God on high. Amen.

Response.—So mote it be.

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APPROVED BY THE GRAND COUNCIL.

No. 1.

PETITION FOR A NEW COUNCIL.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

The undersigned petitioners, being Royal, Select and Super Excellent Masters, having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, and being willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Cryptic Masonry, respectfully represent: That they are desirous of forming a Council in the ..... of ..... County of ..... and State of Michigan, to be named ..... Council No. .....

They therefore pray for letters of Dispensation, or a Warrant of Constitution, to empower them to assemble as a legal Council, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a legal and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the Order, and the regulations of the Grand Council.

They have nominated and do recommend Comp. .....to be the First Thrice Illustrious Master; Comp. .....to be the First Deputy Master; and Comp. ..... to be the First Principal Conductor of the Work of said Council. If the prayer of the petitioners shall be granted, they promise a strict conformity to the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council.

(N. B.—The above petition must be signed by not less than nine Select Masters)

NAMES OF PETITIONERS	COUNCIL DIMITTED FROM		
	NAME	NO.	STATE.
.....			
.....			

No. 2.

REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATION.

To the T. I. M. and Companions of ..... Council No. .....
R. & S. M.:

The undersigned respectfully refer you to their petition, accompanying this, and fraternally request your Council to certify to the truth of the statements contained in our said petition; and to recommend the granting of our request, as required by Section 8 of the Constitution of the Grand Council.

Dated at ....., on the ..... day of .....A. D.,19..

Very Fraternally Yours.

[N. B.—This should be signed in person by all who sign the Petition.]

NAMES OF PETITIONERS.

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No. 3.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEAREST COUNCIL.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That at an assembly of ..... Council No. ....., held at the Masonic Hall in the ..... of . ....., on the ..... day of ....., A. D., 19..., the petition of ..... for a Dispensation to open a new Council in the ..... of ....., County of ...., State of Michigan, was laid before this Council, and the petitioners above named being known to this Council, or to members thereof, to be Royal, Select and Super Excellent Masters in good standing, and residents of the State of Michigan, and their moral characters and masonic abilities being properly vouched for, it was

RESOLVED, That this Council do ..... recommend the opening of the proposed new Council in the ..... of....., and that the Dispensation prayed for be granted to the petitioners.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto signed our names and affixed the Seal of our said Council on this ..... day of ...., A. D., 19...

[SEAL]

.... T. I. M.

..... Recorder.

No. 4.

DISPENSATION.

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,

By .....

Most Illustrious Grand Master.

To All Whom These Presents May Concern,—Greeting:

WHEREAS, It has been duly represented to me, that in the .... and State of Michigan, there reside a number of Worthy Companions, Royal and Select Masters, who are desirous of being authorized forthwith to work as a Regular Council; and it appearing to be for the benefit of the Craft in general, as well as the aforesaid Companions in particular, that they should be encouraged in their laudable endeavors and designs; and it further appearing to my satisfaction, that the petitioners have complied with the Laws and Regulations on this subject, enacted by the Grand Council;

THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, That I, ... Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, in and for the State of Michigan, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, during the recess of the Grand Council, do hereby appoint our truly and well-beloved Companion ..... to be the first Thrice Illustrious Master, Companion ..... to be the first Deputy Master, and Companion ..... to be the first Principal Conductor of the Work, together with their associate Companions, to assemble and work as a Regular Council, by the designation of ..... Council No. ....., Under Dispensation, and there to confer the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters, agreeably to the usages and customs of Cryptic Masonry, and the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Council of Michigan, but not otherwise.

AND I hereby require and enjoin the said ..... Thrice Illustrious Master, his Deputy and Principal Conductor of Work aforesaid, to make due return of this Dispensation, and returns and transcript of the Work at the next Grand Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Michigan, to be held in the City of .... on the ..... at ..... o'clock, ..., until which time, unless sooner revoked, this Dispensation shall continue in full force and effect.

GIVEN under the hand of the Most Illustrious Grand Master,

and Grand Recorder, with their private Seals affixed, this ..... day of ..... A. D. ....., A. L. ....., A. Dep. .....

.....[L. S.]
M. I. G. Master.

.....[L. S.]
Grand Recorder.

No. 5.

CHARTER.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

To Whom It May Concern,—Greeting:

WHEREAS, To-wit, on the ..... day of ....., in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ....., a Dispensation was granted to Companions .....
.....
Royal and Select Masters, to open and hold a Council of Royal and Select Masters, in the ....., in the County of ..... and State of Michigan;

AND WHEREAS, The aforesaid Companions have exhibited to this Grand Council satisfactory evidence that they will conduct the business of Masonry agreeably to the Original Design, and the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it known, that we, the Grand Council of the State of Michigan, reposing Special Trust and Confidence in the Integrity, Masonic Abilities, and well-known Attachment of the aforesaid Companions to the Sublime Principles of Masonry, do, by these Presents, Constitute and Appoint the said Companions, and their Associates, a Regular and Constitutional Council of Royal and Select Masters, by the name, style and title of ..... Council No. ....., and we do hereby appoint Comp. ..... first Thrice Illustrious Master; Comp. ..... first Deputy Master; and Comp. ..... first Principal Conductor of Work; hereby giving unto them, and their successors, full power and authority to assemble together on all lawful and proper occasions as a Legal Council, within the ..... of ..... County of ..... and State aforesaid; and to confer upon all good and worthy Royal Arch Masons, who may apply for the same, the several Degrees of Royal and Select Master; Also, to elect annually a Thrice Illustrious Master, a

Deputy Master, and such other Officers as are necessary for the due organization and proper government of a Regular Council of Royal and Select Masters, agreeably to Ancient Usage; to admit Members; to make By-Laws and Ordinances for their own government; and to do and transact all such matters and things as are proper and lawful to be done in such Assembly.

PROVIDED, NEVERTHELESS, That the said Officers and Members, and their successors, pay due respect to our said Grand Council, and to the Constitution and Edicts thereof, and in No Way Remove the Ancient Landmarks of Royal Arch Masonry otherwise this Charter, and all things therein contained, to be void and of no effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We, the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Principal Conductor of Work, by virtue of the high power and authority in us vested, have hereunto set our hands, and caused the Seal of the said Grand Council to be affixed, at ..... in the State of Michigan, this ..... day of .... A. D. 19....., and A. Dep. 29.....

.....M. I. G. M. .....D. G. M.

Attest: .....Grand Recorder. ....G. P. C. of W.

No. 6.

PROXY TO CONSTITUTE A NEW COUNCIL.

OFFICE OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

.... 19.....

To All Whom It May Concern,—Greeting:

Know ye, that reposing full confidence in the skill and Masonic ability of our Excellent Companion ..... I, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Michigan, do by these presents constitute and appoint him my Proxy, for me and in my name, to constitute ..... Council No. ...., and to install the officers thereof in due and ancient form, he making due return to me of his doings in the premises.

Given under my hand and private seal, at ..... the day and year first above written.

(Private Seal.) .....

M. Ill. Grand Master.

No. 7.

SPECIAL DISPENSATION.

OFFICE OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

.... 19.....

To All Whom It May Concern,—Greeting:

WHEREAS, Application by vote of ..... Council No. ..... has been made to me for a dispensation to .....

.....

AND, WHEREAS, The reasons set forth in said application appear to warrant dispensation as asked for,

THEREFORE, By virtue of the authority conferred upon me by the Constitution, By-Laws and Edicts of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, I do hereby grant this my Special Dispensation to ..... Council No. ....., to.....

.....

.....

(Private Seal.) *M. Ill. Grand Master.*

No. 8.

CERTIFICATE OF PROXY IN GRAND COUNCIL.

To the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Michigan:

This is to certify that I have hereby appointed Companion ..... my proxy, to represent me as ... . of ..... Council No. ..... in the convocation of the Grand Council, to be holden at ..... on the ..... day of ..... 19.....

Witness my hand and seal at .... this ..... day of ..... 19. ....

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..... of ..... Council No. .....

No. 9.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF COUNCIL.

[To be mailed to the Grand Recorder the next day after election.]

To the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council, R. & S. M. of Michigan:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That at the annual election of officers of ..... Council No. ..... R. & S. M., held this evening,

Companion .....
(P. O. Address) .....
was elected Thrice Illustrious Master.

Companion .....
(P. O. Address) .....
was elected Deputy Master.

Companion .....
(P. O. Address) .....
was elected Principal Conductor of Work.

Companion .....
(P. O. Address) .....
was elected Recorder for the ensuing masonic year.

Dated ..... 190....

..... Recorder.

[SEAL.]

No. 10.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMISSION.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of .....

WHEREAS, A more intimate communion and fraternal intercourse between the Grand Council of Michigan and the Grand Council of ..... would tend to strengthen the bonds of affection and promote the Unity, Tranquility and Harmony of our Cryptic Rite, and thus make still stronger and more firmly cement that friendship and brotherly love which marks the Companions of the Secret Vault;

THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, That we, reposing especial trust and confidence in our well-beloved Companion ..... hereby Nominate, Constitute and Appoint, and by these presents do Nominate, Constitute and Appoint the said ..... to be our Grand Representative near the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of ....., with full Power, Warrant and Authority to act and appear for us in the said Grand Council, in all laudable endeavors to promote the prosperity and advance the interests of Cryptic Masonry; and to report to this Grand Council any doings of said Grand Council affecting the Craft of this jurisdiction.

This Commission to be and remain in full force for three

years, from the date hereof, unless sooner revoked by the Grand Council or Grand Master.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused the seal of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters to be hereunto affixed, and have signed the same at the City of ..... in the State of Michigan, the ..... day of ..... A. D. 19.., A. Dep. 29...

.....
M. I. Grand Master.

Attest: .....
Grand Recorder.

No. 11.

CERTIFICATE OF STANDING.

GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN.

To Whom It May Concern,—Greeting:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That I have examined the Books and Records, now in my possession, of the late ..... Council No. ..... R. and S. M., located at ..... Michigan, which was a regular Council working under the authority of this Grand Council, but whose Charter has been surrendered;

That Companion ..... was a member in good and regular standing in said Council, when its Charter was surrendered;

That he has paid all dues charged against him on the books of the said defunct Council.

Therefore, any regular Council of Royal and Select Masters is hereby authorized to admit him to all the rights and privileges which he is Masonically qualified to receive and it may legally bestow.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Council of Michigan, this ..... day of ..... A. D. 19... A. Dep. 29...

.....
Grand Recorder.

No. 12.

FORM OF PETITION FOR RETURN OF CHARTER.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

The undersigned petitioners represent that they were members in good standing in .... Council No. ...., located in the ..... of ...., County of ....., when the charter thereof was surrendered in ....., and that they are not now affiliated with any Councils. Having the prosperity of the fraternity at heart and being desirous of again securing an opportunity of promoting and diffusing the genuine principles of Cryptic Masonry, they most respectfully pray that the charter of said ..... Council No. ...., now defunct, may be restored and they empowered to assemble as a legal Council according to the forms of the order and the regulations of the Grand Council. If the prayer of the petitioners shall be granted they promise a strict conformity to the constitution, laws and regulations of the Grand Council.

Signed.

No. 13.

PETITION FOR COUNCIL DEGREES.

To the Thrice Illustrious Master, Officers and Companions of..... Council No. ..... R. and S. M. of Michigan:

The undersigned, a Royal Arch Mason and now a member in good standing of ..... Lodge No. ..... F. and A. M., located at ..... under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of ..... and of ..... Chapter No. ..... R. A. M., located at ...., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of ..... residing within the jurisdiction of your Council, and having the good of the Craft at heart, being desirous of obtaining further light in Masonry, fraternally offers himself as a candidate, for the degrees conferred in your Council. Should his petition be granted, he promises a cheerful compliance with all the laws, regulations, forms and usages of the Craft.

He has ..... heretofore applied to ... . Council No. .. in the State of ..... and ..... been rejected.

His residence is ..... . County of ..... and State of Michigan, and his occupation is .....

He was born in ..... County of ..... and State of ..... on the ..... day of ..... A. D. 18..

He received the Master Mason's degree in ..... Lodge No. ..... State of ..... on the ..... day of ..... A. D. 1.....

He received the Royal Arch degree in ..... Chapter No. ..... R. A. M., State of .... on the ..... day of..... A. D. 1.....

Signed . .....
(Applicant should not use initials but sign full name.)

P. O. Address ....

Recommended by

.....

.... Dated ..... 19....

The regular fee, $..... accompanies this petition.

No. 14.

REPORT ON PETITION FOR THE DEGREES.

To the Thrice Illustrious Master, Officers and Companions of ..... Council No. ..... R. & S. M.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Companion ..... for the Council Degrees, have made the necessary and proper inquiries touching the character and standing of the petitioner, and his fitness to become a member of this Council.

We find that he is a Royal Arch Mason and is now a member in good standing of ... . Lodge No. ..... F. and A. M., located at ..... State of ..... and of ..... Chapter No. ..... R. A. M., located at ..... State of. .....

That he resides within the jurisdiction of this Council.

That he is .... physically competent for admission.

That he has ..... heretofore applied to ..... Council No. ....., in the state of ..... and been rejected.

That his company and associates are ..... of a character that will bring discredit upon the order.

The result of our investigation .... being of a satis-

factory nature we recommend that his petition be ..... granted.

Dated ..... A. D. 19....

Signed ....
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....

Committee.

No. 15.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Hall of ..... Council No. ..... Royal and Select Masters ..... 19....

Dear Sir and Companion:

You are hereby notified that at the regular meeting of the above named Council held on ..... 190.... you were elected to receive the several degrees conferred in this Council:

You will please be present on the evening of ..... 19... at ..... o'clock when the degrees will be conferred on you.

Yours Fraternally,

.....

Recorder.

No. 16.

PETITION FOR AFFILIATION.

To the Thrice Illustrious Master, Officers and Companions of ..... Council No. ..... R. & S. M. of Michigan:

The undersigned, a Royal and Select Master formerly a member of ..... Council No. ..... R. and S. M., located at ..... State of ..... and now a member of ..... Lodge No. ..... F. and A. M., at ..... under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of ..... and ..... Chapter No. ..... R. A. M., at ..... under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of ..... respectfully petitions to be admitted a member of your Council.

His residence is in ..... County of ..... and State of Michigan. His occupation is .....

He was born in ..... State of ..... on the .... day of ..... 18....

He received the Master Mason's degree in ..... Lodge No. ..... F. and A. M., at ..... State of ..... on the ..... day of..... A. D. 1.... and the Royal Arch Degree in ..... Chapter No. ..... R. A. M., at .....

Signed .....
(Applicant should not use initials but sign full name.)

Recommended by P. O. Address .....

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....

Dated .... 19....

No. 17.

REPORT ON PETITION FOR AFFILIATION.

To the Thrice Illustrious Master, Officers and Companions of ..... Council No. ..... R. & S. M.:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Companion ..... for membership, have made the necessary and proper inquiries touching the character and standing of the petitioner, and his fitness to become a member of this Council.

We find that he is now a member of ..... Lodge No.... F. and A. M., located at ..... and also of ..... Chapter No. ..... R. A. M., located at .....

That his dimit is in proper form and was granted by ..... Council No. ..... R. and S. M., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of .....

That his company and associates are ..... of a character that will bring discredit upon the order.

The result of our investigation ..... being of a satisfactory nature we recommend that his petition be ..... granted.

Dated ..... A. D. 19....

Signed .....
....
....

No. 18.

PETITION FOR DIMIT.

To the Thrice Illustrious Master, Officers and Companions of ..... Council No. ..... R. & S. M.:

The Subscriber a Royal and Select *(and Super Excellent) Master and a member in good standing in your Council and having paid all dues and being free from all charges, respectfully petitions that a certificate of dimit be granted him and his membership in your Council terminated on account of .....

Signed .....

Residence .....

Dated .... 19 ...

*If the petitioner has not received the Super Excellent Degree erase between ( )

No. 19.

CERTIFICATE OF DIMIT.

To All Royal and Select Masters to Whom These Presents Shall Come,—Greeting:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That Companion ..... (whose name is written on the margin hereof in his own writing,) is at the date of these presents, a ROYAL and SELECT *[and SUPER EXCELLENT] Master, in good and regular standing, and that having paid all dues, and being free from all charges, he is, at his own request, by the vote of the Council, dismissed from membership in ..... Council No. ..... under the jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Michigan.

Given under my hand, and under the Seal and by order of the said Council at ....., this ..... day of ..... in the year of Light, 59....., and of the Deposit, 29....

[SEAL.] .....

Recorder.

*Erase if Super Excellent Degree has not been conferred.

No. 20.

NOTIFICATION OF DUES.

.....Council No. ..... R. and S. M.,

Date..... 190....

Dear Sir and Companion:

I have been instructed by ..... Council No. ..... R. and S. M., to notify you that the amount of dues you are now owing to this Council is $..... You will please enclose or hand the amount to me at your earliest convenience.

Zealously Yours,

....

Recorder.

The dues are now $..... per annum.

No. 21.

CHARGES FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

To the Thrice Illustrious Master, and Companions of .....

Council No. ..... *Royal and Select Masters:*

The undersigned, Principal Conductor of Work of ..... Council No. ..... R. and S. M. in the performance of his official duties, solemnly charges Companion ..... First, That the Companion was duly notified of the amount of his dues to said ... . Council, attested by the Recorder thereof, on the ..... day of . ..... A. D. 19... and notified to pay the same, and being so notified, he, the said Companion ..... did not answer said notice, or show cause why he did not.

All of which is in violation of his obligation; and the undersigned therefore prays that the honor and dignity of Cryptic Masonry may be vindicated by the exercise of Masonic Discipline upon the aforesaid Companion, if the aforesaid charges shall be sustained.

Dated ..... A. D. 19...

.....

Principal Conductor of Work

No. 22.

SUMMONS TO APPEAR.

Hall of ..... Council No. .... Royal and Select Masters.

To Companion ....

You are summoned and required to appear at the regular convocation of ..... Council No. . .... Royal and Select Masters, to be held at its hall at ..... County of ..... and State of Michigan, on the ..... day of .... A. D., 19..., at ..... o'clock P. M., then and there to answer the charges and specifications now on file against you in said Council; a true copy of which charges and specifications is hereunto annexed.

Dated .... By Order of the Council.

.....

Recorder.

(SEAL)

No. 23.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE.

To the Thrice Illustrious Master, Officers and Companions of ..... Council No. .... R. & S. M.

This is to certify that I, ... Recorder of .... Council No. ..... R. and S. M., did on the ..... day of ..... A. D. 19... at the ..... serve a true copy of the annexed charges and summons upon Companion ...., personally, by depositing the same in the post office, postage prepaid, directed to him at .... that being his last known post office address.

Signed,

.....

Recorder.

No. 24.

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION.

.... Council No. . .... of R. and S. M., Michigan.

Date ..... 190..

M..... .....

You are hereby notified that at a Regular Convocation of ..... Council, No. ..... R. and S. M., held as above, by a vote of said Council you were indefinitely suspended from all the rights and benefits of Cryptic Masonry, and from membership in said Council for ..... ,

By order of the Council.

....

Recorder.

[SEAL]

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